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## AMENDMENT

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2006, and includes the following sections:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments, beginning on page 11.

Pursuant to C.F.R.§ 1.136, Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated July 12, 2006. If the extension period requested herein is incorrect, Applicant requests an extension for the necessary period of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

The extension fee of \$225.00 and the extra claims fee of \$425.00 (3 additional independent claims and 5 additional claims) are being paid via credit card. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.